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Sunday Vanderberg, Clerk
Westchester County Legislature
800 Michaelian Office Building, 8th Floor
148 Maritime Avenue
White Plains, New York 10601

Dear Ms. Vanderberg:

July 19, 2025 will mark the anniversary of Westchester County Agricultural District No. 1 which was first formed on July 19, 2001.

Consistent with the requirements of the Agriculture and Markets Law, your legislative body must conduct a review of the District. This letter serves as a notice to initiate the review and generally defines the review process and timeframe.

The review is designed to gauge the District's effect on local government policies concerning community development, environmental protection and preservation of the agricultural economy. The review must also consider how District farms and farm acres have furthered the purposes for which it was originally established, the extent to which it has achieved its original objectives and its degree of consistency with community economic and land use conditions.

The Agricultural District 8-year review procedures and forms are detailed on the Departments website at: <http://www.agriculture.ny.gov/ap/agsservices/agdistricts.html>

If I can be of any assistance during the district reviews or if you have any questions regarding the Agricultural Districts Program, please call me at 518-457-4626 or via e-mail at jeffrey.kehoe@agriculture.ny.gov.

Sincerely,



Jeff Kehoe

Associate environmental Analyst

cc: Norma Drummond, Commissioner, Westchester County Dept. of Planning
David Kvinge, Director of Westchester County Environmental Planning
Patricia Peckham, Chair, Westchester County AFPB
Barbara Sacks, Executive Director, CCE of Westchester County
Susan Hoskins, Cornell IRIS

MEMORANDUM

To: Norma Drummond, Commissioner, Westchester County Dept. of Planning
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From: Jeff Kehoe, Associate Environmental Analyst 

Date: September 3, 2024

Subject: **Westchester County Agricultural District No. 1 Eight-Year Review**

July 19, 2017 will mark the anniversary of Westchester County Agricultural District No. 1 which was first formed on July 19, 2001.

Consistent with the requirements of the Agriculture and Markets Law (AML), the County legislative body must conduct a review of the District. This memorandum serves to alert you that the review process should be initiated and to provide several aids, which may benefit your respective review roles.

The following Agricultural District 8-year review procedures and forms are available on the Department Website at:

<http://www.agriculture.ny.gov/ap/agsservices/agdistricts.html>

- Agricultural Districts program Mapping Checklist
- SEQRA Process and Review
- RA-114 District Review Profile
- RA-113 District Review Sheet, and

Enclosed maps identify the state certified boundaries of the districts as adopted by your County legislative body. The maps have been provided through the facilities at IRIS, 1015 Bradfield Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York 14853-5601. Should the eight-year review process result in District modifications, the change must be shown on a revised mylar or may be submitted digitally after contacting Cornell IRIS at (607) 255-6529 for further guidance. Please be reminded that the Commissioner will not recertify an agricultural district until a map is filed with IRIS.

Also, please include all properties added to the District during the annual inclusion-open enrollment period. The attached maps do not include the annual inclusion properties. If I can be of any assistance during the review you may contact me at (518) 457-4626 or by e-mail: jeffrey.kehoe@agriculture.ny.gov